

WHO OWNS VIRGINIA'S BARRIER ISLANDS?

The islands are owned by public and private agencies. Call the numbers below before planning a trip to the Barrier Islands. Many islands are seasonally closed to protect beach nesting birds.

- The Nature Conservancy
 Call (757) 442-3049
- Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries
 Call (757) 442-2429
- Dept. of Conservation and Recreation
 Call (757) 787-5576
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuges
- Chincoteague Call (757) 336-6122
- Eastern Shore Call (757) 331-2760
- Fisherman Island Call (757) 331-2760
- Wallops Island (NASA)— Call (757) 336-6122

Boating Access & Seaside Water Trail

- Public Access Sites
- Seaside Heritage Program Canoe/Kayak Water Trail

For more information on access to the islands and the Virginia Coastal Program's Seaside Heritage initiative including the Canoe/Kayak Water Trail go to:

www.deq.virginia.gov/coastal/vshp/homepage.html











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BARRIER ISLAND BIRD NESTING HABITATS

Mudflat Berm Back Dune Saltmarsh Ocean or Inlet Intertidal Zone **Dune** Area below the high tide line is Nesting habitat for ground nesters Nesting habitat for shorebirds, waterfowl, Nesting habitat Critical Nesting safe for human traffic and passive such as shorebirds, gulls and an songbirds, herons and egrets feeding area habitat for for ground recreational activities nesters such as occasional least tern for shorebirds marsh terns, skimmers and their young dependent and shorebirds species such as rails and several species of gulls, waterfowl, shorebirds, terns and some songbirds

Washover

A large flat expanse of beach, created by major storm events, that forms an extension of the berm to the backside of the island. Washovers are important nesting areas for ground nesters such as shorebirds, terns, and black skimmers.